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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following remarks. This response is being filed concurrently with a petition for a 2-month extension of time.

In response to the Outstanding Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group 1, drawn to claims 1, 2, 14-32 for prosecution.

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In the event that there are any questions concerning this Response, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully,

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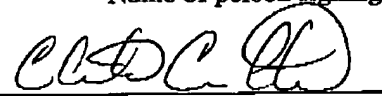
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